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CAPE COUNTY MAN SENTENCED TO 15 YEARS FEDERAL PRISON FOR PRODUCTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

St. Louis, MO: Gregory Kohl was sentenced to 15 years in prison on child pornography charges, United States Attorney Catherine L. Hanaway of the Eastern District of Missouri announced today.

Kohl, 50, of Cape Girardeau, MO, was sentenced to 180 months in prison on one felony count of production of child pornography. Upon release from prison, Kohl will be placed on supervised release for the remainder of his life. He appeared before U.S. District Judge Catherine D. Perry on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 in Cape Girardeau.

As a result of the investigation, Kohl admitted that in or about December 2006, he used a Polaroid camera and film to take photographs of a minor female engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.